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Memorial Mass Planned for Nov. 9th

HEADQUARTERS
U. S. Army, EUROPE
Office of the Commander in Chief

AFQ 403
26, September, 1952

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I can't tell you how much I appreciated your letter congratulating me on my new appointment. To be remembered by my old comrades of the 9th Division is something that I will always cherish.

I am happy to know that your seventh annual reunion in Boston was so successful. I only wish that I could have been with you. I am looking forward to another reunion whenever I return to the United States.

Please convey to all of the members of the Association my best wishes, as well as my wish for the continued progress of the Association.

With all my best to you, I remain

Most sincerely,

M. S. EDDY
Lieutenant General, USA
Commander in Chief

Editor's note: Here is one letter that your editor felt was page one copy. I hope you feel as I do, that it is always a pleasure to hear from old comrades, especially the "Old Man".

60th Field Notes

By Charles J. Fabre

We have been busy getting our file up to date after the Boston reunion and came across a great many names that we have been unable to contact at all. Perhaps if we included a few each month you men that live in their area would make an effort to look them up. We find that it is the personal visit that will bring them back to the fold. Here are three to work on this month:

William Anderson (HQ) 1453 Washington Ave., Altoona, Pa.

Steve Bushnick (HQ) Somewhere in New England.

Edward J. Colonello (A) 7709 Bennett Street, Pittsburg, 21, Pa.

Speaking of looking guys up, we finally located Leo Feinstein (HQ), at 952 42nd Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Within a mile of us) and wish some of you would drop him a card. He is married and has two children to occupy his time. Across the bottom of the card write "Send In Your Dues."

In the midst of painting the kitchen the other day the phone rang and when we answered a voice asked for us. We acknowledged belonging to the name and the voice said "This is Henry Nix, former personnel sergeant of the 60th Field. We were delighted to hear from Henry and invited him up for dinner, but he could not get away. Says he just got back from Germany where he had met up with General Eddy. Tried to talk the General into flying back to the States for the reunion but we suppose the snow job did not do the trick. Asked about many of the men and promised to make the reunion in Washington. Henry has been a regular member of the Association right along and we were

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Time to Submit Bids for 1954 Convention

Now is the time of the year for all chapters to bid for the 1954 Convention.

This is an honored task, a task that is time consuming, but in addition this is a task that is something to always remember.

If you, (the chapter representative) believe that you have the place, the time, and the reasons why the National Convention should be held in your particular area or town, then write to the National Secretary and your bids will be passed on to the next Board of Governors meeting for consideration.

Remember this is no light assignment, so before you submit your bid remember to think about the following reasons why you can handle the Convention... be sure you have the proper personnel for all the little jobs that at a convention are so very important, and be sure that you have the right type of working crew that you can always call on for extra duties, and be sure that the entire group will work together as a well balanced team.

Conventions need plenty of advance publicity, they need good hotel facilities, they need good planning for women activities, and they should have the proper leadership that will inspire the men to work. If you believe that you can do the correct type of job performance and the reasons why you can, submit this all in letter form to the National Secretary, Box 428, Jersey City 3, New Jersey.

PAY YOUR '53 DUES NOW

Eighth Annual Memorial Mass To be held at Worcester, Massachusetts

Father Edward T. Connors, (Div. Art'y Chaplain) Will Hold His Memorial Mass In Honor of The 9th Infantry Division War Dead

On November 9th, 1952 at the Immaculate Conception Rectory, 47 Prescott Street, in Worcester, Massachusetts, Father Edward T. Connors, former Division Artillery Chaplain will hold his eighth annual Memorial Mass Services for the 5150 men who were killed in action during World War II.

This year the services are to be held in Father Connors own church and as usual these services will be in honor of the 9th Division men and their guests.

Record Attendance Expected

Last year the attendance figures for this Service totaled some 400 men and friends, this time Father Connors is in great hopes of surpassing past record attendance turnouts. Those who remembered previous good times, are already planning to make Worcester on November 9th.

Program Arranged

The Mass will take place on Sunday, November 9th, 1952 at 10 A.M., the dinner and reunion will be held at the Hotel Sheraton, in Worcester at 12 noon.

Meals Are the Best

The management is preparing the choicest in culinary finery to appease the appetites of the plain hungry or the finicky gourmet. We have been assured that this will be good wholesome New England styled food.

Hotel Prices:

The Hotel Sheraton, (Worcester's finest) has good clean rooms and is located in the heart of Worcester. If you plan to stay overnight here are the prices: Single with shower: \$5.35 and \$5.85; Single with Tub: \$6.35 and \$6.85; Double Room (Choice of twin beds or large double bed with shower) \$8.35 and \$8.85... Double Room with Combination Tub and Shower... \$10.25 and 11.75. A Reservation form will be found on Page

four. Mail this form directly to the hotel, or send this form to Father Connors at the address given in the form, so that he can set a place for you at dinner.

Worcester in on the Main Highway

Those men who made the Convention trip to Boston, remember the colorful summer dress of the New England countryside. Now here is a chance to see the beautiful scenic patterns of the Nutmeg State, the Empire State and lower Massachusetts. We are sure that the color panorama of the Taconic State Highway is a sight you are not likely to forget. Travelling time from New York City to Worcester is about four and a half hours of clear sailing. From Bos-

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION RECTORY
47 Prescott Street
Worcester 5, Mass.

October 10, 1952

Dear Friend:

Time marches on. On November 9, 1952 I shall offer a Memorial Mass for the deceased men of the 9th Division. This will be our 8th Annual Service. This year I have a new CP — the Immaculate Conception Church, Worcester, Mass.

Last year at St. Mary's Church in North Grafton we had our largest gathering. And at the dinner afterwards we had more fun than ever. In most organizations these reunions fade away — almost to nothing. But to this Memorial Mass and informal reunion — at Connors' CP — the gang keeps coming, and the numbers keep increasing. Last year over 400 9th Division men and friends attended the Mass. 340 stayed for the dinner and reunion. I am amazed and thrilled and edified. Members of other units — and their Chaplains — have seen nothing like this. The men of the 9th Division do not forget their dead. God bless you for your remembering.

As always every 9th Division man is invited — his family and his friends. I send these letters to approximately 700 men — whose addresses I have. This number is comparatively small. You should get the word around to all your 9th Division friends who might wish to attend. Infantrymen, Artillerymen — Engineers and Medics, all the men of the Special Troops — are all welcome — Protestant, Jew and Catholic. If you cannot attend the Mass, then come to the dinner and reunion.

Each year I invite many of the Gold Star parents and widows. These are our honored guests. They are thrilled that their loved ones are remembered by their comrades. If you know of any of these bereaved, please send me their names and addresses. Usually we have about 30 of these Gold Star people.

THE OCCASION — Memorial Mass for the deceased men of the 9th Division.

THE PLACE — Immaculate Church, Worcester 5, Mass.

THE TIME — Sunday, November 9, 1952 — 10 A. M.

DINNER and REUNION — 12 noon, Hotel Sheraton.

Hope to see you. Your wife is most welcome. Every blessing to you and your loved ones. I sincerely believe that this year we shall have our largest and most successful gathering.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD T. CONNORS

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We Are Not Clairvoyant

We here at National Headquarters are not that psychic to visualize your new address if you don't tell us or write us about the proposed change.

I wish I could show every member of our Association the tremendous amount of daily mail returns we receive in our Post Office Box.

With each passing day, we are slowly but surely losing many members that simply forgot to notify us that they have moved to a new location.

This negligence on the part of a few is beginning to hurt us badly, as a matter of fact, your secretary is starting to holler for "HELP."

The task of trying to keep up with the "Address Unknown File" is becoming a burden we can't surmount and costing us members that we can't afford to lose.

The Post Office can only supply us with the proper information, if the person who moves notifies the Post Office of their plans or intentions.

We have in this organization a representation of one of the best groups of veterans to be found anywhere in these United States. We are the best because we are constantly striving to be the best Division Association.

We can only keep this theme alive if we all work together. I can show you ten or a hundred names whom we are sure never intended to be dropped from our files, but just neglected to let us know that he has moved. Multiply this one neglect by many and you will shortly see how our group could easily dissipate because of neglect.

We just can't afford to forget . . . This Association is headed for bigger and better things, and the only way we can achieve these aims is to hear from the membership. The membership is our form of existence . . . Once we lose that, then, we might as well pack in.

Last year we lost over 350 members and when you are in the crucial periods of existence as we are, you just can't afford this type of loss of membership.

The feeling that, "Oh, they will eventually catch up with me" must not persist any longer. The truth of the matter is that once we lose your address, we lose a member.

To further enlarge on this point, there are 5 drawers with about 150 plates in each drawer of members who have failed to notify the Octofoil about a change of address. This file is just about two and a half years old.

This is not a plea, this is not a demand, this is simply a statement of fact. We need your aid to help you remain an active member.

May we ask this one favor? Put a string on your finger when you plan to move, let the Octofoil know about it.

If you cooperate with us, we will do everything in our power to see to it that no matter where you move to, the news of the Division Association follows you.

If fellows in Kodiak, Alaska; and Saudi, Arabia can do it SO CAN YOU . . . NOTIFY US WHEN YOU MOVE TO A NEW PLACE.

The 9th Division's Mail Bag

Div. Hqs.

Col. Frank Veale, (G-1) is really proud these days as he announces with pride the birth of Nancy Lee born last April. Frank is still Advertising Manager of Strawbridge & Clothier, and he is living in Merion, Pa., on the outskirts of Philadelphia . . . Father Andrysiak has recently been operated on and now is fully recovered. He sends his sincere best wishes and good luck to all those who remember him. Father Andrysiak is at Camp Stone-man, California . . .

39th Inf.

Anti-Tank Co., had a recent meeting in the home of Sal Dalvia, 36 Sherman Place, Jersey City, N. J., Arthur Giansanti who came down from Rochester, NY was the honored guest, Paul Davis, Freddie Villanova, Dom Reville and Sal had a great time talking old memoirs over again. . . . Don Clarke announced the arrival of no. 5 (Don was with Cannon Co.). A son was born to the Clark's on Sept. 30th. This now makes a total of four boys and one girl . . . Received a nice note from Father Kines who has told us that he intends to work on a series of articles about the 39th Inf. Father Kines is now in Scranton Estates, Scranton, Pa., Mrs. Peter J. Casey informs us that Pete is now stationed in Iceland, for those who want to get insey, Magnolia Road, Pemperton, N. J.

Ordinance

Col. E. S. Matthews is now permanently assigned to the Jefferson Proving Grounds, Madison, Indiana, and he informs the Octofoil that he would certainly be glad to hear from any Ninth Division Association member who is in his neck of the woods. Congratulations Colonel . . .

15th Eng.

Steve Grey informs us that Richard (Dick) Eckel, 15th Eng. has been appointed General Agent for the Harrisburg, Pa., office of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.

60th Infantry

Ted Koller of 110 Smith Street, Peekskill, N.Y. sends the following photo and Ted wants to know "WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THOSE JOES FROM 'H' CO, 60th." This H Co. reunion took place at the home of Dick Million,



in Blissfield, Michigan, July 4th. From left to right; front row . . . A. Dominick, J. Krauser T. Koller. Back row, l. to r. R. Million, A. ankowske and L. Rogers the only outsider from Division Field Artillery. John Wolski of 14 New Brunswick Ave., Hopelawn, wants to hear from some of the lads of "Charlie Co." Herbert L. Schonman, 5616 No. St. Avenue, Chicago 45, Ill. (Co. M) was sorry he could not attend the last convention due to a severe illness of his wife Miriam. (We hope she is better by now) and he advises the Octofoil that he will try to make "DEE CEE in '53)

9th Med. Bn.

Jerome Cosenza, of 316 Van Buren Street, Newark, N. J. would like to contact Alex Markson, former Co. A. 9th Med. Bn.

47th Infantry

Jimmy Corcoran, Ward 6, V. A. Hospital, Butler, Pa., tells us that he has heard from former A-T Capt. Keefe BBuck and Lt. Jack Einbinder whom he tells are still

26th F. A. Reports

By Joe McKenzie

Congratulations are in order for the officers and men of the Ninth Division for the splendid Convention we had in Boston. Even the weatherman favored us with excellent weather through the 3 day affair.

As the convention is talked over during the coming year, there will be many who will say, "I'm sorry I missed it." Hotel accommodations were of the very best and out of town visitors were very well pleased when they felt the cool breezes blown in from the Atlantic Ocean to make our Boston stay a very comfortable one. I would advise you to make your plans now to attend the next Convention in Washington, D.C., because a better time elsewhere is hard to find.

Quite a few new faces appeared at this affair since we last were together back in the old days. Among the many — many friends we met were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Landon of Whitmore Lake, Michigan and formerly of Service Battery 26 FA attended their first convention. "B" Battery, 26 FA, was represented by Gil Ponokas, John Meeghan, John White, William O'Callaghan and Martin Duran who was later transferred to the 88th Division.

"C" Battery 26 FA had their group represented by Tom Boyle, Mike Schrappe, Carlo Amodio, Connie Matalius, the McColligans, Jim and John and Carlo Maeri.

From Service Battery, 26 FA, were Quintino Pergiovanni, John Murray, Walter Swenson, Clem Le-Blanc, Bill Buongiorno and Bill Sacco.

William Okavage, Ted Schmidt, Chesley Mischler, Bill McNeill and John Clouser represented Headquarters Battery. Before arriving in Boston, Ted Schmidt and his family toured New York State, Hampshire and Vermont. At Bethel, Vermont, he visited Bernard Cambell — formerly of Headquarters Battery — an old buddy, and they had a wonderful time talking over old times. "Bun" Cambell" as he was called by the men of Headquarters is the owner of a large farm and found it impossible to leave his duties to attend the convention. Ted was so impressed with the grandeur of the New England States that he is seriously considering making this section of the world his vacation spot for so many years to come.

A few words of praise to be given the men who marched to the State House for a short Memorial Service. None of them forgot the fundamentals of good marching. The long straight lines going up Beacon Hill were a good example of excellent training.

Since his separation from the Army, Earl Landon has acquired a private pilot's license which permits him to fly Piper Cubs, etc. . . . He is saving his pennies now to buy one of those planes. Now hear this you men of Service Battery — keep your eyes on the blue skies, for Earl may be getting ready to land in your back yard at any time now.

A word of appreciation should be given the Convention Committee for their special invitations to Gold Star Mothers. Mrs. Puccini, mother of Henry Puccini of A Battery — 26th F.A. was among the attending Gold Mothers. Henry was a cook with Service and A Battery,

in the Reserves. Incidentally, why not drop Jimmy a line you A-T 47th men, and let him be your company reporter . . .

Special Announcement

Art Stenzel had an accident at the last N. Y. affair. If anyone found his wallet please call Hollis 8-2417. There is a reward for the wallet . . . The papers Art says cannot be replaced . . . So if any of you N. Y. fellows found it either get in touch with the Octofoil or Art Stenzel at 89-49-215th St., Queens Village, N. Y.

and he was killed somewhere in France.

Next year the convention will be in Washington, D. C. . . . We all have many friends who live south of the Mason and Dixon Line, whom we would like to see once again. I would suggest that we all start now sending cards to these men to make sure they can be reached in time to attend the Washington Convention. The National Office has many incorrect addresses, but if we start from a wrong address we might find the right one and a new member . . . So . . . let's start this move early enough to get in touch with long lost friends.

Special Congratulations to Quintino and Louise Pergiovanni . . . their third child, Edward Frank Pergiovanni arrived on September 4th, and weighed in at 6 lbs and 14 ozs. . . . If you all remember, the Pergiovannis were married at Fort Bragg, N. C., about two months before we left for overseas duty.

Recently I had an unexpected visit from Lewis and Hazel Orticiari of Royalton, Vermont. Lew is one of the most rabid baseball fans I ever heard about. While he was with the Service Battery, and I don't recall him playing baseball or attending those grudge games at Fort Bragg.) Certainly talks a lot of baseball now. Recently on a Saturday afternoon he left Royalton for New York so that he could see the Red Sox play a double header with the Yankees on the following Sunday afternoon. The weather man was against him and the games were called off. That didn't bother Lew much. He returned home and after two days' rest, set out again this time for Boston to see the Braves play a three games series. That is what I call a baseball enthusiast of the first order.

For those who were unable to attend the Memorial Service during the Convention . . . start making plans now to attend our Eighth Annual Memorial Mass to be held in the Immaculate Conception Presscott Street, Worcester, Mass., on November 9th . . . So until next we meet, good bye — And I'll see you all in Worcester.

Memorial Mass Planned for Nov. 9

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ton to Worcester it is about 50 miles southeast via the Taconic.

Plenty of Parking Areas

We are assured by Father Connors that the traffic problem will only be congested when you near the Immaculate Conception Rectory . . . If you get lost in Worcester, simply ask any Worcesterite where Lincoln Square is, and they will guide you directly to the church. Don't worry about the parking problem, there will be ample facilities to take care of anything less than confusion.

Bring Your Friend

Yes, bring the wife and the kids, and you will be certain of a wonderful weekend. Above all make sure you bring a friend. For if you bring a friend and he brings a friend, then you are on the way of making this affair the greatest gathering that Worcester has ever seen.

Father Connors established this Memorial program theme eight years ago and ever since that time this affair has increased in importance with each passing year. . . . Lest we forget, pause now to remember those who did not come back . . . WILL YOU BE THERE?

DEE-CEE
IN '53

Veterans Information

The following data on Veteran Housing was recently received from the Veterans Information Service regarding Veteran Housing. . . If this information can be applied in your specific case, then contact your nearest Veterans Administration Officer for fuller clarification of the issues as stated in this news release.

Down payment requirements on GI loans under relaxed credit controls are computed four different ways, each based on the amount of money involved in the transaction.

Veterans Administration today explained the four methods in answer to the many inquiries it has received since credit controls were relaxed June 11, 1952.

Under the authority of the Defense Production Act, the credit terms required for mortgage loans at various price levels are prescribed by the Federal Reserve Board, and for Government-aided loans, by the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

VA's four methods of computation resulted from the action of these two agencies.

The first method involves GI loans for repairs, improvements and alterations where the cost is \$2,500 or less. No cash payment is required for such loans.

For example, the cost of improvement, alteration or repair is \$2,000 and the closing costs are \$50. The maximum permissible GI loan for this work is \$2,050, with no cash payment required.

The second method involves GI loans for houses ranging in cost or price from 2,501 to \$7,000. In this price range, the new schedule requires only that closing costs be paid in cash so that the loan may be guaranteed, insured, or made for the full amount of the sales price or construction cost. But in no case will the required minimum cash payment exceed 4 percent of the sales price.

The following two examples are cited by VA to explain how to compute minimum cash payments for houses in this price range.

1. Sales price \$6,000, closing costs \$100; the minimum cash payment is \$100 and the maximum GI loan is \$6,000.

2. Sales price \$7,000, closing costs \$300; the minimum cash payment is \$230, because of the maximum of 4 percent of the \$7,000 sales price, and the maximum permissible GI loan is \$7,020. It is unlikely that in this price range the closing costs would exceed 4 percent, VA said.

The third method involves GI loans for homes on which the sales price is more than \$7,000 but not more than \$12,000. In this category, the minimum down payment is computed on the basis of the sales price in two brackets. The two brackets and how to compute the minimum down payment under each follows:

1. For sales prices of more than \$7,000 but not more than \$10,000, the minimum down payment is \$280 plus 10 percent of the excess of sales price over \$7,000.

2. For sales price of more than \$10,000 but not more than \$12,000, the minimum down payment is \$580 plus 16 percent of the excess of the sales price over \$10,000.

In both of these brackets, the maximum loan permitted is the difference between the minimum down payment and the transaction price, which includes the sales price and closing costs.

For example, on a sales price of \$8,000, the minimum down payment is \$380 (\$80 plus \$300) under the formula given for the first bracket. If closing costs are \$200, the transaction price becomes \$8,200 and the maximum permissible GI loan is arrived at by deducting the required down payment of \$380 from \$8,200, which sets the maximum permissible loan at \$7,820.

The fourth method involves GI loans where the sales price is more than \$12,000. Here the minimum

down payment is computed on the transaction price, which is the sales price, plus closing costs. Four brackets are involved in this computation. They are:

1. For transaction prices of more than \$1,000, but not more than \$16,000, the minimum down payment is \$900 plus 55 percent of excess of transaction price over \$12,000.

2. For transaction prices of more than \$16,000 but not more than \$21,000, the minimum down payment is \$3,100 plus 57 percent of excess of transaction price over \$16,000.

3. For transaction prices of more than \$21,000 but not more than \$25,000, the minimum down payment is \$5,950 plus 70 percent of excess of transaction price over \$21,000.

4. For transaction prices over \$25,000, the minimum down payment is 35 percent of the transaction price.

VA cited the following example to show how the minimum down payment is computed in any of these four brackets and what the maximum permissible loan may be:

Sales price of \$12,000, plus closing costs of \$200 equals transaction price of \$12,300. Under bracket No. 1, the required minimum down payment is \$900, plus 55 percent of \$300, (the excess of the transaction price over \$12,000) or \$165, making a total minimum down payment of \$1,065. By deducting the required down payment of \$1,065 from the transaction price of \$12,300, the difference of \$11,235 is the maximum GI loan that can be made on this home. The same type of computation applies to the other three brackets in arriving at the minimum down payment and the maximum permissible loan.

VA said the relaxed credit controls make no change in the requirement that prepaid items, such as insurance and taxes, must be paid in cash in addition to the required minimum down payment.

However, a new requirement has been set up for cases where the proceeds of the loan are to be used for the dual purpose of purchasing an existing dwelling and financing repairs, improvements, or alterations to that dwelling.

Instead of the old method of taking the total transaction price as the base on which to compute the minimum down payment, the new regulation permits a separation of the loan into its purchase and repair components for such purpose.

Thus, if a proposed loan is to finance the purchase of a dwelling with a sales price of \$8,000 and concurrent repairs costing \$2,000, the required down payment is computed by adding the down payment for an \$8,000 sales price (\$380) to the required down payment for a \$2,000 repair loan, which, under the new schedule, is zero. In this case, the total required minimum down payment is \$380.

Father Connors Appointed to New Additional Position

Some time during the month of September, your editor received a news clipping announcing a new appointment for Father Connors. The news item read as follows: Rev. Edward T. Connors, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, to be chaplain of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses. Father Connors fills the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. James W. Hopkins.

NEW YORK INFORMAL Huge - Madcap - Successful

They don't come any wackier than the N.Y. gang, example the last dance, brawl-fest — or as Shakespeare is oft quoted as saying, "A Rose By Another Name" is always a hum dinger. Prizes were awarded and how! they were won; Betty Saunders, For Such pretty eyes, Mrs. H. Pepper (isn't it true Harold) the prettiest legs, Dom Miele, the boy who stands out TUMMY first, Phil Ortoff, "What happened to my hair," Jack Barchey, such cute calves, Jack and the Mrs. came all the way from 3000 East St., San Diego, Calif., Jack was with I Co., 60th Inf. For real blonde hair, Personarie Wilensbacker, Jeannette Blais won a bottle of "Wow" which disappeared as quickly, and Congrats of Marital bliss to Ralph (A Co. 39) Allessi and Mary Boier, and Ed Goldstein and Mary Schwarzbach, (Div. Hqs) they will both tie the knot in November. All this plus uniforms. What he say . . . heh! Oh well . . .

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fellows, this is your space — reserved for your gripes, praise, and views both pro and con about the Association, the Octofoil, and anything else that you wish to air in public. Please make use of its availability, and we promise to print in-toto your complete letter. Your confidences will be respected should you not wish your name to appear as the author.

THE EDITOR

Gentlemen:

This is the first opportunity that I have had to write to a great organization that I am proud of. I have looked with interest at its progress throughout the years, and wished that I could have had a role in its conception.

I was fortunate enough in 1951, to attend the Convention in New York City. As a result of this fine meeting I met some of my old buddies whom I have not seen in some seven years. Needless to say I was quite happy and choked up upon seeing that old medic DAN QUINN with whom I served. Of course, Barney English, the night-owl of Co. I., 47th was a welcomed sight indeed. To have seen the rest of my buddies would have been enough to create a pool of water at my feet, for I would have surely cried.

Is this what serving with a fine group of men can do to a person in times of war? If only it could happen in times of peace. What a world this would be if all men could look upon their fellow men in this light.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the 1952 convention at Boston. This was a great disappointment to me but could not be helped. Dan Quinn wrote me a letter asking me to come but I could not. May I congratulate you on its success. I read with interest the report of this great convention.

Upon my release from the Army, I found myself as did so many others, in a rather awkward situation. Unemployed, mixed-up and unable to adjust myself to civilian life. It took me eight years to select and stick to a vocation. Before I drifted from one job to another. I am 26 years old now and hope that I have finally found the way. I am now connected with WPTR, a fine radio station in the capitol district, as a sales representative.

You might say that I am also in the entertainment business being connected with the Bob Snyder Show over NBC every Sunday night at 11:30 PM. I have found to love this work and therefore feel that I am on my way.

It may interest you to know that I am starting my own Disc Jockey Show over WPTR Sept. 20th. The format is related to saluting various Divisions. Of course the first broadcast will be about the good old Ninth.

Good luck to the new officers and my very best to all my friends, here's hoping that I'll hear from them soon.

Albert Srtauss

Editors Note: Al was sent beaucoup stuff on the Ninth for his show.

60th Field Notes

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pleased as punch to know that we have at least one reader.

One of our boys — Ed Stoll has just hung up his shingle and is ready for business at 496 Winthrop Street, New Haven, Conn. Need a good lawyer? See Ed. He is also running for political office this Fall. How about that? By the way . . . how about that \$3.50 dues.

Seems to this writer that the 60th Field had one of the best group of officers any outfit was blessed with. They organized, trained and led the best artillery unit in the Army, and now many of the men have asked us how come so few of the former officers show up. We checked with our file and found very few names listed. Believe us when we say we need your help once again to get the old outfit back together and your help would certainly be appreciated too much please realize that we ed.

If we seem to stress Hq. Btry. can not make up material from the thin air. How about sitting right down now and jot a story or two on a post card and send it to me. That is the only way we can round the story out. John Marston (B) has promised to write a couple of stories and Mike Belmonte (A) said he would come across. Now we need someone from (C) and (SV). Frank Ridziz of (C) used to let us hear from him once in a while but since he got married he stays pretty close to home. How about it Frank? Then Everett Liscott of (SV) could tell a story or two if we are not mistaken.

We were wondering what happened to all those baby shoes that the fellows used to pray for overseas. Seems to us we used to hear "Come on, baby needs a new pair of shoes" quite a lot. So long till next month.

Charles J. Fabre
288 Maple Street
Brooklyn 25, NY

New York Chapter Annual Fall Dance

Larry Greenman, Chairman of the Annual Fall Dance Committee, announces that final plans have been completed for the dance to be held November 15, 1952, in the "Seven Arts Room" of the Edison Hotel, 228 West 47th Street, in New York City.

The charge for this gala affair which is being held in New York City is \$1.50 per person. Dancing will commence at 9:00 P.M. Here is a golden opportunity at a low cost to spend a most pleasant evening with "the old gang." All members are reminded to bring their friends and neighbors. The more the merrier.

Mike Gatto, President of the New York Chapter, assures one and all that Doctor Selslowe, Entertainment Chairman, will guarantee a wonderful time for all.

Entertainment Feature

Entertainment will be furnished by the one and only HAROLD PEPPER and his "RED LONG-JOHN'S." It is just about this time of the year that Harold joins the clans of "Warm All Over" . . .

Tickets have been mailed to all members and H. Pepper would be pleased to receive your money orders and checks for these tickets prior to the dance in order that the task may be easier for the Dance Committee. As per usual Dom Miele will be in charge of the ticket sale at the door and knowing how hard he always works it would be greatly appreciated to receive the advance payment to stem confusion at the door. In addition to our raffle of the Saving Bonds there will be FREE DOOR PRIZES. Remember the date: November 15, 1952, the place: The Hotel Edison, New York City . . . The Price: \$1.50 per person . . .

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Father DeLaura Promoted

Congratulations are in order, for Father Anthony F. DeLaura, who was recently appointed as Pastor of "Our Lady of Assumption" in Copiaque, Long Island, New York City.

Father DeLaura was formerly with the 2nd Battalion of the 47th Infantry. Many men will remember the wonderful way Father DeLaura kept our hopes and spirits high during some really trying days.

We are sure and certain that the congregation of "Our Lady Of Assumption" will feel as we all did, they are getting a really grand man as their new Pastor.

FATHER EDWARD T. CONNORS

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Dear Father Connors:

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